THE LAW IN GERMANY

TRIAL BY JURY OF TWO ACCUSED AT WIESBADEN.

How the Case Is Presented by the Lawyers, and Commented Upon by the Judges-Interesting Letter by an Attorney.

A trip to Germany during the summer of 1888 and an acquaintance with its language furnished an opportunity of studying the workings of some of the legal machinery of that country.

At Wiesbaden, a criminal trial was witnessed. The court consisted of three judges, one of whom acted as the president of the tribunal and the other officiated as his associates. These judges are selected for life. The manner of their appointment was thus stated: When starting on their career, they had selected the judicial position as the one best adapted for the dis-play of their talents. They were required to pass an examination, not as to their fical temperament, but as to their knowl-



THE OLD WINDMILL AT POTSDAM.

edge of law, and if successful were placed on the waiting list. Whenever a vacancy in the office of judge existed, either by death or reffrement on account of age, the same was filled by an appointment from the next lower grade. Thus, speaking relatively, should a vacancy occur in the supreme court of Missouri, the appointing power, in Germany a council of judges, would select one of the circuit judges. Thereupon a justice of the peace would be promoted, and one of the young lawyers who had passed the requisite examination would be appointed to the magistracy, the first one on the list being entitled to the

table or benevolent organizations which there abound. This lottery had four draw there abound. This lottery had four drawings and these drawings occurred at intervals of three months. The purchasor of a ticket paid one-fourth of its price at the time he bought it. If the ticket was not what in Kansas City Convention buil parlance is known as a "dream number" and consequently failed to appear at the first drawing, the bolder of it was privileged to pay the second installment of by street and narticipated in the next drawing and so on to the end. The woman had purchased such a ticket, had paid the first installment and had drawn no prize. Instead of scheduling the ticket as an asset, sie gave it to her co-defendant, who of his own funds paid the second and third install. funds paid the second and third in ments on the ticket and at the revolution of the wheel a prize of \$55

revolution of the wheel a prize of \$35 was drawn and thereupon the co-defendant, a man, gave this woman \$100 of the prize. It also appeared that the woman had pledged some of her personal belongings at the public pawn houses which prevail in Germany, not in her married but in her maden name, and did not schedule the pawn tickets among her assets. There was no evidence that the value of the pledge was greater than the amount advanced thereon but this seemingly did not published the offense. The circumstance that a name was issumed by the defendant was severely commented on by the presecution and commented on by the prescention and ingeniously avoided by the counsel for defense. He repeated to the jury the defense. I Goethe's lines:

Joethe's lines;

Who never use his bread with tests
Who never passed the midnight hours
Upon his bed engulied with tears
He knows ye not, ye heavenly powers.

And paraphrasing them observed: Who
rever pawned his goods knows not what
he might do. He told the jury then that
when he was at the university he often
found if processary to nawn his watch and found it necessary to pawn his watch and doing always assumed a name

Comments by the Judge.

The woman defendant when confronted with the set of books kept by her and which were claimed to be incomplete testi-fied that one of the books she had was

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missing.

So far as such a system permits, the judge was exceedingly fair, but ever and anon he would turn to the jury and ask them to remember that the defendant had admitted a fact, damaging to her, and ne would as frequently express his opinion of the probability of the defendant's answer in this manner: You will scarcely expect the jury to believe that, or, it may be your counsel can explain that. He was quite thorough and when he had timbhed with the defendants of the man going through the same process as the woman the proceduring attorney had nothing and the defense little to ask.

The witnesses were introduced in rapid succession, each being sworn by "God, all-powerful and all-knowing," to tell the truth. There was an expert and to his oath was added the word "impartially." In Germany if an issue involving expert knowledge is raised the court appoints the witnesses on this point and the escelasion they reach is binding on the tribunal. In this case the expert was asked if the books present in the court were sufficient to show the state of defendant's business, which he answered in the negative. He was then asked, if the book claimed by defendant to be missing would complete the set and this was answered in the affirmative.

Person within certain degrees of kinship do not have to take an oath, but may, if they prefer, state the facts within their knowledge bearing on the Issue to be determined. If not sworn, they are of course, not given the weight of testimony which is accommanied with the solemnity of an oath and the persons who were entitled to the privilece just mentioned generally waived it and were sworn as witnesses.

At the conclusion of the testimony the case was submitted to the inter in the ferm

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the left side of the room; opposite to the jury, on the right hand side of the room; opposite to the jury, on the right hand side of the room; opposite to the jury, on the right hand side of the room. Blewise at right angle to the court, are two long benches one behind the other. The first row is for the attentiones of the first row is for the attentiones of the room are seats for witnesses and for jurors when no in their box and lack of a railing is a piner.

As the jurors were called, they were peremptorily challenged, either by the prospection of the prospective of the pros



the community at least two years. The president and vice president are a sleeted by a body corresponding to our upper house of the common council. Neither employes are childled to this position.

When in session the court consists of five members, the president, or in his absence, the vice president, two members who are employes. At the beginning of their official term, the beginning of their official term, the associates are divided into groups of four and assigned to certain weeks in which they are to officiale. The court may also act as a board of arbitration in case of a strike but this is not compulsory. That is, one party to such a dispute cannot force an arbitration.

A session of such a court was witnessed in Berlin. The president was alone, endeavoring to settle the controversy. The complainant, a woman garment worker coloniant, the processing white workers are coloniant, a woman garment worker colonia

side, and five on the other, the judge set the case for hearing before a full bench on a later day.

At Potsdam, there is a historic windmill. Frederick the Great built the palace of Sans Souch as a summer home but unfortunately for his peace of mind, at its gate was a flour mill operated by wind. It made was a flour mill operated by wind. It made

The other week a collier living at Wigan left off work early and hurried home to tell his wife that his mates at the pit were going to have a trip to Blackpool in the afternoon, and had invited him to go with them.

Not being possessed off much money at the time, he entreatted his wife to lend him half a crown to add to his own store, but his wife said:

"No. I shan't gle thee owt; tha mun stop at whoam."

"If that durna, A'll goo and dreawn missel, he replied.

As sie still refused, he at once set off down the street, but he hadn't gone far when his wife went to the door and shouted out for him to come back. Thinking she intended to give way, he walked cheerfully back to her, fully expecting the half crown, but up to her to find her with two seven-pound weights in her hands.

Before he could speak she said he had better put them in his pockets to weigh him down a bit when he went Into the water.

Three Pamous Statues.

From the Pitiburg Dispateh.

The three most famous statues in history are the colossus of Rhodes, the sphinx and the vocal statue of Memnon at Thebes, and the vocal statue of the specific of its property of emitting sounds when its lips were touched by the adventure of the ceming day. It was originally a potrait model of King Amenophis III. And was one of a pair of statues between sixty and was one of a pair of statues between sixty and was one of a pair of statues between sixty and was one of a pair of statues between tons, of which 500 pounds consists of gold.

TRAINING CANARIES BY QUILL AND FALLING WATER.



At the bench of the presiding judge, was a small box or urn and into this were a small box or urns and into the presentation of the pr

Pair of silk hose.
Silk shopping bag.
Silver buttonhook.
Silver tooth or nail brush.
Silver-handled powder puff.
Leather engagement pads with sterling

Silver thimble, Silver hat pin. Bangle bracelet. Pocketbook mounted or plain, Engraved plate with 56 cards. The Two Dollar List. For a man you can get: Sweater. Umbrella. Fencing foils, A fine tobacco jar, Desk lamp and shade,

Sterling mounted corkserew. Pocket address case of leather. Silk web suspenders with silver mountings.

For a woman you can get:
Fur muff.
Golf club.
Carving set.
Thibet shawl.
Ten table cloth.
Dressing sucque. Dressing sacque.
Silver hair brush.
Five o'clock tea kettle.
Roman stripe silk blanket.
Caddy bag, if she is athlette.
Crochet bag or purse with jet or steel
bends.

For a boy: Ring.
Camera.
Derby hat.
Pocket knife.
Rubber coat.
Gold necktie clasp.
Black seal card case.
Single end punching bag.
Toy trunk for his treasures.
Military brush with wooden back.
For a girl'
Silver comb.
Silver ink well.
Fan chain, of beads,
Monsseline de sole tie.
Silk belt with silver buckle.
Gold pen with pearl bandle.
Linen embroidered photograph frame.
The Five Dollar List.

A gold neck chain. Gold heart charm. Silver manicure set. Silver garter clasps. Simple stone diamond ring. Black mohair for a skirt, in a box.

WAYS OF GIVING PRESENTS

A Christmas Pie-A Puzzle Barrel-A Wonder Ball-Other

Methods.

deal in thinking out novel ways of giving deal in thinking out novel ways of giving Christmas presents. The tree has the dis-advantage of being most attractive at night, which means late hours for the children. The old-fashiened stocking, hung by the chimney corner, has much in its avor, though it rouses the little ones a time of the morning which is not agree able to their elders. dren put their shoes beside the door for he good saint to leave a gift within. Christmas pie for breukfast, says the on Reacon, produces a good deal of jol

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Doyle's Charac-

A London disputch says: Dr. Conan Doyle, the famous novelist and creator of "Sherlock Holmes," has arranged for a Christman eve entertainment at Hindannals of such affairs. All the guests will wear costumes representing the vari-ous characters in Dr. Doyle's books. The ous characters in 17, 1993cc books, 150 entertainment, which will consist chiefly of music and dancing, will be given in Hindhead hotel, and not at the tovelst's house, as was first intended. Most of the foremost writers, artists and musicians of London and Edinburgh have been invited.

Christmas Thoughts.

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From Self-Culture.

Once more we approach the social and ecclesiasticals festival of Christmas, with its ballowed associations, and its season of family reunions and home refolcings. What the season as an ecclesiastical function commemorates, there is to-day little need to point out, to minds at least that, despite the anxieties and doubtings of the time, have not lost their fath, though they may have become impatient with the churches, who, if they think at all, must see that they are there to testify to the unique character of the Founder of Christianity and to the power, over reason and conscience alike, of His gospel, it is a further evidence of the internet of the founder of Christianity and to the power, over reason and conscience alike, of His gospel, it is a further evidence of the internet of the founder of Christianity and to the power, over reason and conscience alike, of His gospel, it is a further evidence of the internet of the founder of Christianity and to the power, over reason and conscience alike, of His gospel, it is a further evidence of the internet of the founder of Christianity and to the power, over reason and conscience alike, of His gospel, it is a further evidence of the internet of the founder of Christianity and to the power, over reason and conscience alike, of His gospel, it is a further evidence of the internet of the founder of Christianity and the order of the state of the product of the individual of the product of the same of the period, are emphatic proofs of belief in the Father of all and the religion of the time, no doubt, has its work to do-at a religion that has its mysteries as well as of the period, are emphatic proofs of belief in the Father of all and the religion of the time, no doubt, has its work to do-at and reverse of the period. The product of the liminity and profit religion no less than man's intellect. Nor is revelation, or rather the human interpretation of its in the mark of proofs es well as of true reasonableness that we should tak

PROFESSIONAL WINE TASTER. Wonderful Career of Mrs. Fronn Eunice Wait, of Cali-

fornia. Mrs. Frona Eunice Wait, of California, occupies the unique position of professional wine taster. In 1990 the legislature created the position and gave it to Mrs. Wait, who is also the special agent of the bureau of labor. She has made two



matter of grape culture and of wine making and storing.

As a member of the state board of horticulture Mrs. Watt is making a tour of the United States and giving a series of leviures, in which she intersperses technicalities with anecdotes. She says there are three incarnations in the vineyards—the mission grapes planted by the monks of the Spanish missions; the Zinfandel, introduced by Count Haraszthy of Hungary, and the noble vines which were planted after the plague of the phylloxyra, which attacks the roots of the vine and leaves them blistered.

Mrs. Wait calls herself a professional faultiinder and does the finest hairspluting imaginable in testing wines. She can tell whether or not wine is fatigued from a journey or "bottle-siele," whether it is undergoing latic, acetic or malic fermentation, cloudy or free from sediment, young or old, healthy or discussed, and she can even tell whether the grapes from which a wine is made have been grown upon hill or valley land.

From the Detroit Free Press.

"Don't be too hard on him now," remarked one clubman to another, "he assures me in the most positive manner that he always aims to tell the truth."

"Well, I'll be charactable but if that fellow always aims to tell the truth. I just want to say that hee a worse shot than any Spaniard that ever went to war."

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A Field Day for Both Parties.—She—"People to look at the work to get their husbands to go to church." He—"Yes, and yet look at the way the poor husbands have to work to get out of going."—Brooklyn Life.

FOR CHRISTMAS TREES

A PROFITABLE TRADE STARTED BY NEW YORK YACHTSMEN.

Some parents puzzle their heads a great | Use Found by a Party of Duck Hunters for Maine's Millions of Firs-Profits of the Business-Points About Christmas Trees.

"No fewer than 1.30,000 Christmas frees re used in New York and the New Engtests of young farmers and timbermen

trees which reach this and other extensive

how roug it would be before the entire state was given over to fir trees. Several observant members of the party, remark-ing the millions of young his which crown-ed the headland, concluded that such sym-metrical busiles would make excellent Christmas trees, and, with characteristic metropolitan enterprise, at once opened negotiations with the farmers for the purchase of a few cargo-

A Success From the Start.

"At first the farmers thought the New Yorkers were simply having a high old lark at their expense, never having encountered anybody so foolish and sophiscated as to any firs. But when visitors operad their pocketbooks and fered their money they were convinced tered their money they were convir their sincerity. So they fell to with and loaded several schoeners wi Maine hills' worthless growth, A

"Although the trees are necessarily bulky and expensive to ship, there are bulky and expensive to ship, there are large profits in the business, for it is a very poor acre of fir land which will not yield 1,000 trees and allowing \$10 an acre for stumpage, \$30 an acre for labor and cartage and \$20 an acre for freight, the trees do not cost 2 cents apaces delivered in Boston or this city. The price of the smallest tree in the cities seldom if ever falls below 25 cents—ascending from that sum to a maximum of about \$5-so it may be readily seen that so long as they can find customers the men who handle Christmas trees are in no danger of becoming poor.

wait, who is also the special agent of the bureau of labor. She has made two reports to the governor, one upon the "Condition of Working Women" and one on "Strikes, Boycotts and Lockotts," in Mrs. Wait's life has been full of varied experiences. As a newspaper woman she interviewed every celebrity of the stage, two presidents—Hayes and Harrison—several lords and dukes, the Marquis of Lorne, the Marquis Faulinet, chamberlain of the Griffon and the Pulo Alto stables, the Arabias stude of the Russian and the American lorses making a fine strain in breeding about the exchaing a bise would been whelly read, and she made many friends among prominent chlearonas during her service as world's fair coamistioner. She is worderfully learned in the MRS. FRONA EUNICE WAIT.

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From the Clevelant Plain Bealer.

'No. sir, I don't like your Southern railways. To travel on them for any length of time is positively painful."
"May I ask what particular defect preindices you?" judices you?"
"The test are altogether too far apart."
"Ah, then you are
"You are right-I am an actor."

Primary Colors.

From the Washington Plot.
 "Rafferty," said Mr. Dolan, "what's thim primary colors Of hear me dan'ther Annitellin' of since she task to studyin' art?" Wall, was the answer, "judgin' be all the primarles Of were lyer to, Of should say they wor black and blue."